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MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF OF STAFF,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Soviet Refractory Abrasives and Ceramics

REFERENCE: AFOIR-CO-16  
(A-4217) dated 21 Feb 1949

1. No study of the type outlined in the reference is currently under way in the Central Intelligence Agency. Furthermore, a check with outside groups having interests in this field has revealed no plan to make such a study.
2. In view of the critical importance to high speed aircraft production of refractory ceramic materials and of refractory abrasives for use both as high temperature materials and as abrasives, the Central Intelligence Agency agrees that a study by the Air Force would be highly desirable.
3. The Central Intelligence Agency will be greatly interested in the results of the study and in cooperating wherever possible.

*signed & disp*

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